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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 13 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia (S/2001/843)

Iraq

Burundi

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	4371st (closed) meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

3 p.m.	First meeting of each of the Main Committees	General Assembly Hall

Consecutive meetings of the Main Committees for the purpose of electing their Chairmen

Immediately following the meetings of the Main Committees	2nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Second regular session of 2001

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.		Conference Room 2
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.		Conference Room 2

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

Thursday, 13 September 2001

LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
(informal consultations)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77
(Core Groups and Coordinators of the agenda items of the Second Committee; Second Committee agenda items and financing for development issues)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 14 September 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4

Organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/56/1 and Add.1)

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POSTPONEMENT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHILDREN

By its decision 56/401 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to postpone its special session on children to a date to be decided by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session.

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FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Credentials

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the Secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (Overall theme: Responding to globalization: facilitating the integration of developing countries into the world economy in the twenty-first century)

(New dates: 20-21 September 2001)*

Plenary meetings

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation through partnership, is now open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon (tel.: (212) 963-5063; room S-3001D). Requests may also be sent by fax to (212) 963-3783 or by e-mail to dizon@un.org.

Ministerial round tables

The first of two ministerial round tables, on the topic "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., in Conference Room 3. The second ministerial round table, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Friday, 21 September, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3. There will be no list of speakers for the ministerial round tables.

Informal panels

The first of two informal panels, on the topic of "Enhancing the integration of developing countries in the emerging global information network, facilitating access to information and communication technology for developing countries", will be held on Thursday, 20 September, from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairperson, Arab Knowledge Management Society, Cairo; Mr. Salamão Manhiça, Executive Secretary, ICT Policy Commission, Maputo; Prof. Swasti Mitter, University of Sussex, United Kingdom; and Mr. Sirous Nasseri, CEO, ICT Services Corporation, Teheran.

The second informal panel, on the topic "Promoting the integration of developing countries into the world economy and generating new public and private financing resources to complement development efforts", will be held on Friday, 21 September, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The panellists will be Prof. Felipe Larraín, Instituto de Economía, Universidad Católica de Chile; Mr. Jay Naidoo, Chairperson, Development Bank of Southern Africa; and Mr. John Williamson, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Economics, Washington, DC.

Background information for the high-level dialogue is available on the following Web site: www.un.org/ga/56/dialogue.htm, and is also available for pick-up by delegations outside room DC1-1420.

General debate
(24-28 September, 1-5 October 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

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* By its decision 56/402 of 12 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to change the dates of the high-level dialogue from 17 and 18 September to 20 and 21 September 2001.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 12 September 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4370th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the terrorist acts that struck New York and other parts of the United States on 11 September 2001

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2001/861, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Mali, Ukraine, Singapore, Tunisia, Ireland, China, the Russian Federation, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Norway, Colombia and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of France.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/861) before it. The President requested the members of the Council to vote, not by raising their hands but by standing, in a show of unity in the face of the scourge of terrorism.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/861) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1368 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

1st plenary meeting

Opening of the fifty-sixth session

The temporary President, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, Chairman of the delegation of Finland, declared the fifty-sixth session opened.

The temporary President then invited the General Assembly to observe a minute of silence.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/345) [137]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/345) concerning 15 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee [3 (a)]

On the proposal of the temporary President, the General Assembly appointed nine members of the Credentials Committee: China, Denmark, Jamaica, Lesotho, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, United States and Uruguay.

Election of the President of the General Assembly [4]

The General Assembly proceeded to the election of the President. H.E. Mr. Han Seung-soo (Republic of Korea) was elected President of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session by acclamation.

The President made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly [8]

(a) Draft resolution (A/56/L.1)

(b) Draft decision (A/56/L.2)

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of its rules of procedure and decided to consider draft resolution A/56/L.1 and draft decision A/56/L.2.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the group of African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Group of Asian States), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Greece (on behalf of the Group of Western Europe and Other States) and the United States (as host country).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.1 (resolution 56/1).

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/56/L.2.

The President recalled that, by its decision 55/479 of 12 April 2001, the General Assembly decided that the two-day high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership would be held on Monday and Tuesday, 17 and 18 September 2001. The President further informed the Assembly that, after consultations with the Chairmen of the regional groups, there was an agreement that the two-day high-level dialogue should take place instead on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001.

The General Assembly decided to hold the two-day high-level dialogue on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 September 2001.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual DPI/NGO Conference

The closing session of the fifty-fourth Annual DPI/NGO Conference, on the theme "NGOs Today: Diversity of the Volunteer Experience", will be held *today*, 13 September 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Labouisse Hall (UNICEF House). Seating capacity will be limited and admission will be with special pass only, on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please visit the DPI/ NGO Web site (www.un.org/dpi/ngosection) or call the NGO Section (tel.: (212) 963-0786).

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Special ceremony

There will be a Peace Bell ringing ceremony in observance of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and the International Day of Peace. The Secretary-General will deliver a peace message. There will also be short statements by the President of the Security Council and the President of the General Assembly. The ceremony will be held on Friday, 14 September 2001, at 9.30 a.m. at the Japanese Garden, in front of the Conference building.

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